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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN TROOPS EVACUATED FROM OGADEN?

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1. FRENCH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE SEVERAL UNVERIFIED REPORTS OF EGYPTIAN TROOP PRESENCE ON SOMALI SIDE IN THE OGADEN AND IN SOMALIA.

2. EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS BEING EVACUATED FROM THE OGADEN ON 6 MARCH WERE REPORTEDLY SET UPON BY SOMALIS IN HARGEISA WHO BELIEVED

THE 10 TRUCKS OF EGYPTIANS BEING TRANSPORTED THROUGH TOWN WERE CUBAN AND RUSSIAN WAR PRISONERS. MILITARY POLICE WERE CALLED OUT TO PROTECT THE HAPLESS EGYPTIANS FROM THE RAGE OF THE HARGEISA MOB.

3. ANOTHER REPORT, ALSO OF RECENT DATE, TAKES NOTE OF MOVEMENT OF EGYPTIAN ARTILLERY AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS FROM BERBERA TO BORAMA. SOURCE REPORTED THAT EGYPTIANS WERE IN CHARGE OF "FOUR-WHEELED ARTILLERY", INDICATING HEAVY WEIGHT MATERIALS.

4 EGYTIAN AMBASSADOR TO DJIBOUTI, MOHAMED FAMI HEBE, HAS ADMITTED THAT EGYPT HAS SUPPLIED ARTILLERY AND ANTI-ARICRAFT MATEIEL TO SOMALIA. THIS IS FIRST INDICATION OF ACTUAL COMBAT TROOPS BEING INTRODUCED.
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